



Below is a snapshot of ECO-Buy's achievements and an indication of the range of tools and resources and networks that are provided by ECO-Buy.

- Developed a green purchasing program specific to the needs of Victorian local government.
- Developed ECO-Buy Business – a program designed specifically for the needs of the business community.
- Finalist Banksia Awards 2005.
- Winner of 2004 Premier's Business Sustainability Award – Public Sector category.
- Winner of 2004 United Nations Australia World Environment Day awards for Best Specific Local Government Environmental Initiative.
- Winner MAPS (Strategic Purchasing) 2002 Outstanding Achievement award.
- Increased Victorian local government expenditure on green products from \$5.9 million in 2001 to \$15.3 million in 2002 to \$33.5 million in 2003 to \$36.9 million in 2004 and \$81.9 million in 2005.
- Membership of 60 Victorian local government members (75% of Victorian councils) – and still growing.
- Membership of 16 Regional Waste Management Group members (100% of Victorian RWMGs).
- Convened Australia's FIRST national environmental purchasing conference – Buying Green 2003 (May 2003, Melbourne).
- Member of Buying Green 2004 & 2006 Steering Committee. Australia's 2nd & 3rd national environmental purchasing conferences.
- Established the National **ECO-Buy Alliance** – an alliance of Australia's local government associations committed to establishing an ECO-Buy program in their state. Currently five states committed (and New Zealand!)
- Established **ECO-Buy Associate** Membership – an association of organisations across Australia interested in green purchasing.
- Produced **ECO-Guide** - ECO-Buy's Guide to Green Purchasing, a green purchasing manual provided FREE to all members of ECO-Buy.
- Established **ECO-Find** - Australia's most comprehensive, free online database of green products and suppliers (<http://www.ecobuy.org.au/ecofind>)
- Developed **ECO-Bonus** - A unique incentive program that rewards ECO-Buy members for purchasing green products from participating suppliers.
- Developed **ECO-Train** - a green purchasing training program.
- Distributes a FREE national electronic newsletter quarterly – circulation over 750.



- Established the **ECO-Stakeholders** Network – a national forum for organisations working on green purchasing.
- Established the **ECO-Suppliers** Network – a national forum for suppliers/manufacturers of green products.
- Convenes **ECO-Buy Network** meetings quarterly at three different locations throughout Victoria for all members of ECO-Buy.
- Hosts Australia's only Awards for Excellence in Green Purchasing.
- Conducts free green purchasing training to all Victorian members of ECO-Buy.
- Conducts executive briefings for senior management.
- Convenes regular Buy Green Expos – attended by councils; businesses, government departments; health services; educational institutions; sporting clubs; community clubs; general community etc
- Produces **'The Great Report Cavort'** – Annual report on members' achievements and detailed information on green product expenditure.